

Listing of Claims:

6. (Currently Amended) A flexible plastic bag or reservoir for recirculation washing of blood cells which has a top outlet port and a bottom inlet port and an integral coarse filter ~~comprising~~ consisting of a tube of semi-rigid, non-collapsible plastic mesh extending from the top outlet port into the bag, wherein a less dense suspension of blood cells is withdrawn through said top outlet port for further processing.

7. (Canceled) A flexible plastic bag or reservoir for recirculation washing of blood cells which has a top outlet port a bottom inlet port and a bubble trap at the top which comprises plastic tubing extending into the bag from the top outlet port.

8. (Currently Amended) A flexible plastic bag for recirculation washing of blood cells which has a top outlet port and a bottom inlet port and an integral coarse filter ~~comprising~~ consisting of a tube of semi-rigid, non-collapsible plastic mesh extending from the top outlet port into the bag and having a closed bottom end, wherein a less dense suspension of blood cells is withdrawn through said top outlet port for further processing, and a bubble trap at the top which comprises plastic tubing extending from the top outlet port into the bag inside the mesh tube.

9. (Original) Bag of claim 8 wherein the mesh tube is sufficiently rigid that, when vacuum is pulled on the bag, causing it to collapse, the mesh tube holds an open path in the bag, so that blood cells in a buffer solution entering the bottom port can move up to the top port.